

# MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

**June 9, 2007**

(Not approved)

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 AM. Commissioners present were Commissioner Demers, Commissioner Schmid and Commissioner Farr.

Residents in attendance were June Soule, Joel Godston, Peter Olander and Karen Rajsteter.

The motion was made by Sandy Schmid and seconded by Peter Olander to accept the minutes.

The minutes of the May 14, 2007 Commissioners Meeting were accepted.

## **Water Update:**

Commissioner Schmid stated that the water usage for the month of May is higher because of the Memorial Day weekend celebration. Also as part of the copper and lead testing Don has been flushing the system in certain areas and that has also contributed to the higher usage. You can see on the plot what months we were repairing the Dam because of the lower use for the gravel pack well. At this time we are using 80% from the gravel pack well. It is the best water source we have.

We have had three taps this month one of them was bored under French Pond Road. We are still working with Granite State Rural Water on our corrosion control for DES. We are doing the testing to get the information we are also doing valve maintenance, doing blow offs to flush the system, and checking for chlorine residual out at far points in the system to see if we are getting the disinfection we need, with very good results (Good News). Unfortunately we have had to shut water off to some of the services due to over due bills (Not Good News).

Note: To all water users in the Mountain Lakes District please try to conserve water on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> we need to take the gravel well off line for a couple of days for repairs and we do not want to have to buy water from Woodsville Water and Light if we can help it, but we need to keep a safe level in the Chambers to do this, so please do what you can do to help.

The Commissioners stated that Renée needs to send out an e-mail asking the water users of Mountain Lakes. To conserve water, beginning June 13, and ending June 16, because we are taking the gravel pack well off-line for repairs. We would like the water users to refrain from washing cars, watering lawns, and doing laundry when possible.

Mr. Godston asked about corrosion control and what it is. Commissioners Schmid stated that it has to do with our lead & copper testing last year. All of the tests we have done have come back, clean.

## **The Dam Update:**

Mrs. Schmid asked if we have the trash racks yet. Commissioners Schmid said, not till Wednesday, June 13. Also starting on Wednesday, June 13 we will begin the process to fix the trash rack next to the causeway.

The water level is down on the upper Lake. We assume that it is because the pipe was clogged before the lowering of the lake and now it is not. Don drew and Karl Schmid are going to attempt to figure out how to plug up the pipe and will not use Dubois & King until absolutely necessary. We are going to figure out how

to plug it up again. Mr. Godston said that the lakes are at the same level. Commissioners Schmid replied that there is still a foot difference between the lakes.

### **Recreation Update:**

Commissioner Farr, informed everyone that the Recreation Committee is working very hard on the opening day celebration activities. These activities include a bounce house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and then 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., a tennis tournament at 1 p.m., a volleyball tournament from 4 to 5 p.m., the potluck at 5 p.m., music from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and a kayak demonstration. Also, there will be activities with prizes for the children, including a tug-of-war at 12 p.m., potato sack races at 12:30 p.m., a sandcastle contest at 1 p.m., face painting from two to 4 p.m., greased watermelon at 3:30 p.m., and limbo at 5 p.m.. Additionally there'll be sign-ups for a walking club, exercise on the beach and volleyball teams that will take place throughout the summer. We are also looking for volunteers to head up the events please tell as many people as you know about the opening day festivities.

Starting time for opening day festivities should start at 11am.

Commissioner Farr also stated that the recreation committee would like to involve area kids to assist with the activities for opening day and possibility of having some of the area kids becoming” Counselors in training: CIT’s” All kids that volunteer will get a FREE LUNCH hot dog and root beer float.

Mountain Lakes to supply plates, utensils for opening day pot luck. Also, charcoal.

Sign up sheets for Waking Clubs, Exercise on the beach and Volleyball teams to be handled by Peter Olander while he hands out Parking Permits.

There will be no swimming lessons this year, because we do not have an instructor at this time.

We have decided to do a teen night on Tuesdays at the Lodge from 7 to 10 pm. Mr. Godston stated that he still does flying for young eagles and will give the office more flyers to hand out.

Commissioner Schmid stated that the bon fire went well on Memorial Day weekend. Everyone bought a great selection of food and all had a great time. Mr. Godston stated that it was a very well planned event. Mrs. Schmid said that the attendees would like to make it a yearly event.

We have the proposal from Poling Aquaculture and the Recreation Committee suggested that we go ahead with it.

Commissioner Schmid stated that we have a proposal from poling aquaculture in the recreation committee has agreed to go ahead with it. Mr. Paganelli, however, spoke with Poling and stated that the quote is only the minimum per Lake. Mr. Paganelli feels that we should put more fish and then the minimum. Commissioners Schmid stated that Mr. Paganelli would like to use the number multiplied by 1 1/2 suggested for the lower Lake half of that number for the upper Lake. The total would still be less than \$2000. Mrs. Schmid stated that this gives us new genetic material for our lakes. Melvin from poling aquaculture stated that this will be good diversity for our ecosystem. Mr. Schmid said that the recommendation of fish is once every three years for diversity. Mr. Olander asked where the money is coming from to purchase the fish. Commissioners Schmid said that it is coming from the dam project because the need is a direct result from the emptying of the lakes for Dam repair.

### **Planning Board Update:**

Mrs. Schmid stated that we have the zoning officer report and three new zoning applications. The planning board approved all of the applications following Mr. Robbins recommendation. The Town of Haverhill is going ahead for the third set of lots that are up for bid on Monday June 11. The last time around, the Town of Haverhill didn't accept four out of the 10 bids. We are pleased that at this point the island is still not on the list to be sold. The Haverhill planning board has received another driveway permit for Mountain Lakes. We are very pleased that the Haverhill board is now working with the district's planning board closely on roads and master plans.

The planning board will be working on a more specific job description for the zoning officer and implementing it.

We have scheduled our annual Volunteer Lake Assessment Program testing for August 8.

Mr. Godston had a question about the ski way lot in Mr. Robbins zoning report. Commissioner Schmid replied that they want to build a garage, and they would like to put it next to the house but our roadway is in between there two lots. They are hoping that we could possibly do a land swap to move the roadway on the other side of the lot that is next to their house. We would have to have a special meeting or have it done at the annual meeting so that the voters could decide to go ahead with such a plan.

### **Financial Update:**

We have scheduled a meeting with the Bath residents and selectmen of Bath to discuss the Bath residents not paying district taxes. All of Haverhill residents of Mountain Lakes are invited as well. The meeting will be on June 26 at 7 p.m. at the district office. We request that Renée Cota sends a letter to all the Bath residents and selectmen of Bath as well as e-mail everyone on our distribution list the letter. This will begin a dialogue between the Bath residents the Bath Selectmen and Mountain Lakes. No decisions will be made at this meeting only constructive conversation. The reason for this meeting is that the Bath residents of Mountain Lakes have never been formally included in the district. The result of that is that they have never paid for capital improvements to the water system. They have never paid for improvements to any of the amenities in the district and they have never paid for the amenities to the district, which include the lifeguards, the pool, improvements to the Lodge, mowing the ski hill, the repair of the dam, and many other costs to running the district. However, they have received all of the benefits associated with being part of the district.

Mrs. Soule asked if the Bath residents get to use the facilities in Mountain Lakes. Commissioners Schmid said that at this point, they have not been declined and that is what we will be discussing at this meeting coming up. Mrs. Schmid stated that it makes no sense that they do not share in the cost of the facilities they use. Also, who makes the decision for the Bath residents to pay their fair share? Commissioners Schmid said that we have to have the Bath Select Board approve the Commissioners of Mountain Lakes petition for there to be a district formed in Bath that is Mountain Lakes. Then all of the residents of Mountain Lakes including Haverhill and Bath will vote on whether or not to create a district in the Town of Bath that is Mountain Lakes. Mrs. Soule stated that what's fair for one is fair for all.

Renée Cota stated that the monthly financials are on track and there are several items that we have paid for 100% as those are usual for this time of year. On the contrary, there are many items that still have 100% to be spent and those are mainly our summer program items.

Mr. Drew stated that until the summer program begins we have a couple of life guards helping us get things ready, one is Jeff Stewart and the other will be Luke Teschner. Jeff has been helping for a couple of weeks and we are getting a lot of things done and in place for the summer. Bev Jacobs's items for the snack shack have been arriving so we are working with her to help get things organized and cleaned down stairs. Steve and Roberta Robbins have been coming out to work on mowing the grounds and other general cleanup such

as debris that has been floating on to the beach. Kevin Horne is going to be here this week to get the large logs that are still on the beach and along the causeway; he will also be removing the old docks and the very battered trash rack that is on the upper lake. We will have the girls bathroom operational Monday and shortly after have the boys bathroom dismantled and getting ready for some much needed work. We have a lot of painting and basic touch up to get done but we are progressing forward pretty well.

A quick note to thank Ann and (Goose Hunter) Charlie Edson for again doing a great job on the plants around the district. **IT LOOKS GREAT AS ALWAYS**

Commissioners Schmid stated that the Town of Haverhill has not down our roads as of yet, but they are planning on doing it in the first part of July. We understand that they are in rough shape, but we have been assured that they will soon be done.

**New Business:**

Karen Rajsteter made a motion to adjourn and Peter Olander seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 11:10a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee L Cota  
Office Manager